

<i>SERFF Tracking Number:</i>	<i>CFAP-125365902</i>	<i>State:</i>	<i>District of Columbia</i>
<i>Filing Company:</i>	<i>Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc.</i>		
<i>Company Tracking Number:</i>	<i>1049</i>		
<i>TOI:</i>	<i>H21 Health - Other</i>	<i>Sub-TOI:</i>	<i>H21.000 Health - Other</i>
<i>Product Name:</i>	<i>GHMSI Filing #1049 DC Small Group</i>		
<i>Project Name/Number:</i>	<i>GHMSI DC Small Group eff 200804/1049</i>		

Filing at a Glance

Company: Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc.		
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Filing Type: Rate	Authors: Dwayne Lucado, Todd Switzer, Katheryn Barron, Yazan Dahu	Reviewer(s): Laszlo Pentek
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Implementation Date Requested: 04/01/2008		Disposition Status: APPROVED
		Implementation Date:

General Information

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Project Number: 1049	Date Approved in Domicile:
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Overall Rate Impact:	Group Market Type: Employer
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Submitted By: Katheryn Barron	Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:
Filing Description:	
This filing contains the rate proposal for Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. (GHMSI) dba CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield's small group (2 - 50 contracts) medical and prescription drug coverages, with an effective date of April 1, 2008. Please refer to the Cover Letter/Filing Description (Supporting Documentation) and Actuarial Memorandum (Rate/Rule Schedule) for more details.	

Company and Contact

Filing Contact Information

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Filing Company Information

Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, CoCode: 53007 State of Domicile: District of
Inc. Columbia
840 First Street NE Group Code: Company Type: Hospital, Medical &
Washington, DC 20065 Group Name: Dental Service or Indemnity
(410) 581-3000 ext. [Phone] FEIN Number: 53-0078070
State ID Number:

Filing Fees

Fee Required? No
Retaliatory? No
Fee Explanation:
Per Company: No

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Supporting Document Schedules

	Item Status:	Status Date:
Satisfied - Item: Actuarial Justification Comments: Attachment: DC_GHMSI_Certification.pdf	APPROVED	12/18/2007

	Item Status:	Status Date:
Satisfied - Item: Cover Letter / Filing Description Comments: Attachment: File 1049 SERFF Cover Letter.pdf	APPROVED	12/18/2007

ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATION

I, Todd Switzer, am the Director of Actuarial Pricing with Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc (GHMSI) doing business as CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. I have been involved in the development of these rates.

To the best of my knowledge and judgment, this rate filing complies with applicable laws and regulations of the District of Columbia and produces premiums that are reasonable in relation to benefits provided.



Todd Switzer, A.S.A., M.A.A.A.
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November 19, 2007



Mr. Laszlo Pentek
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Re: Group Hospitalization and Medical Services Inc. trading as CareFirst
BlueCross BlueShield
NAIC 53007
FEIN 53-0078070
Rate Filing for Small Group Rate Increase (Our Filing #1049)

Dear Mr. Pentek:

Enclosed for your review is the rate filing for the small group business (2 – 50 contracts) of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield effective April 1, 2008. We are requesting a 4.9% rate increase to our non-CDH medical products and a 7.0% rate increase to our drug products effective April 1, 2008. We are not requesting a change to our CDH medical rates for this effective date. These changes are being requested in lieu of the pre-approved rating actions submitted in our filing number 1025, as shown in the following table:

Product	Pre-Approved 04/01/08 Rates vs. 01/01/08 Rates	Proposed 04/01/08 Rates vs. 01/01/08 Rates
PPO	2.1%	4.9%
PPO HSA	2.1%	0%
PPO HRA	2.1%	0%
Indemnity CMM	2.1%	4.9%
Drug	3.6%	7.0%

The complete pricing analysis for DC can be found on page 3 of the actuarial memorandum. The pricing analysis for DC & VA combined can be found on page 4.

We also plan to implement a change in our HIPAA factors effective April 1, 2008. Please refer to page 28 of the actuarial memorandum for more details.

Our renewal increase floor of 0.0% and cap in the range of 12.0% to 20.0% will remain in effect.

Our new business discount of between 0.75 and 1.00 to be given to new groups that are medically underwritten is still in effect. There is a 3 year grade to the discount which, by the beginning of the group's fourth year, will be a factor of 1.00.

The form numbers associated with the rates are displayed throughout the filing.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter. If you have questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (410) 998-7519.

Sincerely,

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